

Attachment 5: Water System Plan and Small Water System Management Program Consistency Statement Checklist

This checklist is intended to ensure consistency of water system planning documents with adopted local comprehensive plans and development regulations. Each local planning jurisdiction in which the water utility provides service will review the relevant water system planning information and provide a signed consistency statement to the utility for submittal to the Department of Health. If the local planning agency will not respond, the highest authority within the utility (chair of governing body, executive director of private companies, etc.) must sign to verify consistency of the plan information.

Water System Name: _____ PWS ID: _____

Planning Document Title: _____ Plan Date: _____

Local Planning Jurisdiction: _____

Consistency Statement (Reference Municipal Water Law Section 5 and 8, amendment to chapter 90.03.386 and chapter 43.20 RCW)	Page(s) in Planning Document (completed by utility)	Yes – No – Not Applicable
The retail service area, and any other areas not served by a separate public water system, and land use identified in the WSP is consistent with the <i>adopted comprehensive plan and adopted development regulations and policies</i> .		
For WSPs only: The growth projection used to forecast water demand for the retail service area is consistent with the adopted city/county's population growth projections (and commercial development projection if applicable). If a different growth projection was used, the alternative growth projection and methodology proposed is acceptable based on explanation given.		
For WSPs only: New potential large water users (that may have a significant impact on the water system) that the city/county is aware of have been identified in the WSP.		
For city-owned systems only: All policies regarding water service outside the corporate boundaries are included in this WSP. These policies are consistent with the adopted <i>comprehensive plan and development regulations</i> .		
Where the local planning agency is unable to sign a Consistency Statement: Provide documentation of efforts to coordinate with local agencies with a 60-day timeline for local agency to respond. Include: name of contact, date, type of effort attempted, and response from local agency.		

I certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and that these statements support the conclusion that the subject-planning document is consistent with adopted comprehensive plans, development regulations, and other policies.

Signature

Date

Printed Name, Title, & Jurisdiction

****For any issues of inconsistency, please provide comments on how they can be resolved. ****

Direction below is provided as guidance for consistency verification. This list is not comprehensive.

For service area:

A copy of the adopted land use/zoning map that corresponds to the service area should be included. The uses provided in the WSP should be consistent with the adopted land use/zoning map.

Water systems may have policies on extensions of water service outside of their existing boundaries. These must be consistent with the local planning jurisdiction's (both city and county) adopted comprehensive plan and development regulations.

Under the Growth Management Act (GMA), domestic water service is considered both an urban and rural service. Unless the comprehensive plan and development regulations specifically limit water service or have an alternative definition of rural service than what is provided in the GMA, water service is allowed anywhere within the county.

For demand forecasting:

Water demand forecasts for the next six years and the 20-year planning horizons should be included. These forecasts should be consistent with the local population growth rate projections.

If the local population growth rate projections are not used, provide a detailed explanation on why the projections chosen more accurately describe the expected growth rate. Explain how it is consistent with the adopted land use.

Potential large water users may be identified by the following sources of information:

- Local planning agency
- Water utility
- Economic Development Council